

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

1.) Claim Amendments

Claims 30 and 33-43 are pending in the application. The Applicants have amended claims 30, 33, 34, 37, 42, and 43. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

2.) Allowable Subject Matter

The Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of claims 33 and 34.

3.) Claim Rejections

In paragraphs 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 37, 41, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Ericsson (WO 99/16266).

In paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 30, 37, 42, and 43 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Boakye et al. (US 6,175,576 B1).

In paragraphs 6-7 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 35 and 36 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boakye in view of Blake, et al. ("An Architecture for Differentiated Services").

In paragraph 8 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Ericsson in view of Mikkonen (US 6,587,457).

In paragraph 9 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 38 and 39 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boakye in view of Mikkonen.

In paragraph 10 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 40 and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Boakye in view of Braden, et al. ("RFC 2005: Resource ReSerVation Protocol (RSVP)").

In paragraph 2 of the Office Action, *Response to Amendment*, the Examiner stated that the objectionable recitation causing the above rejection of the claims was the limitation "or bearer capability information." The Examiner further stated, "However, the

examiner will withdraw the rejections below should applicant remove the above claim recitation at issue."

The Applicants have amended claims 30, 33, 34, 37, 42, and 43 to delete the recitation "or bearer capability information." Therefore, the allowance of claims 30, 33, 34, 37, 42, and 43 is respectfully requested.

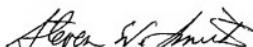
Claims 35, 36, and 38-41 depend from these amended base claims and recite further limitations in combination with the novel and unobvious elements of the base claims. Therefore, the allowance of claims 35, 36, and 38-41 is respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicants believe all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicants, therefore, respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for claims 30 and 33-43.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,



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